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The allure of studying abroad beckons me! Language, culture, and food intertwine, fueling my desire for new experiences. To break free from the confines of my homeland, I yearn to immerse myself in foreign lands, honing my language skills, exchanging vibrant cultures, and indulging in delectable culinary adventures. When I first arrived in this foreign land, echoes of home embraced me—strikingly similar architecture, weather, and ambiance. The welcoming environment and amiable locals quickly embraced me, making me feel at ease.

Yet, language became an exhilarating challenge, a barrier separating me from others. Undeterred, I resolved to learn the basics of Bahasa Indonesia to bridge the communication gap. Surprisingly, daily interactions became smoother once I grasped those fundamental words. Among the numerous cherished moments at my study abroad institution, my trip to Sidoasri village in Malang stands out. Living alongside locals, partaking in thrilling activities, and beholding breathtaking landscapes gifted me an unforgettable experience.



Here, in this foreign land, I encounter unprecedented and extraordinary encounters, enriching my life beyond measure. Engaging with diverse cultures and improving my language proficiency becomes second nature. Exploring the awe-inspiring environments and picturesque vistas further deepens my appreciation. However, the true gem lies in the people—friendly, kind-hearted souls always willing to lend a hand. Despite occasional language barriers, their genuine willingness to assist radiates the true beauty of their souls.